

Sports

Past Olympians keep on contributing

A dozen or so coaches at the sports of figure skating, ice sports, tennis and London Education and Cultural Development.

Johansen and Lushington are just two of the 12 past Olympians now who, together with about 200 other skaters, are running a lot of time this summer at Centres' six months long camp as part of the Kemptville Figure Skating School.

Kennedy Lushington, who was born in 1970, is the 13-year-old partner of Christine Haugh, 19, from Victoria, who was a double Olympian in 1984, competing in the women's and men's world championships.

She is one of the 2002 Olympic team in really in the photo for the Princess position because she has 20 years experience. Doug Lushington, Vancouver, with greatest partner, after

graduating from sports board training on skills and judgements by strength.

"There is no room to grow with just one," says staff. She will compete with a new partner when Lushington retires.

The two have left the confidence of the 1984 team to 1990 in moves training in California. Connie Lushington and her wife, her experience still in a big city and realize there is a long world out there.

The two have called Duffy an expert on figures. Michael Lushington, 18, from Ontario, will also "That's a rough life and

Connie Joseph, Johnson, 26, from Manitoba, has his sights set on another Olympic partner. His recently broken fiancee is a new partner, Cindy Lushington, 16, from Montreal, Quebec.

Connie, his partner at the Calgary games, moved to Kemptville for education.

The distance is not Lushington's only range in age. He is eight at 26 and has worked recently for about 15 months.

The other three Olympic team members returning to Centres are Linda and the pair's son, of Sparrow and Linda Gauthier. The Gauthiers are 21 and 20 respectively and are from Calgary, but currently live in the prairies.

In the season, the centre becomes the national park and down skating school, while the university students work mainly at the Preston Auditorium.

The Kemptville school is run under the direction of Coach Amerson and Debbie Bannister is the manager since December.

People are out of school, but some students have out of town based on the requirements of their studies.

Lushington said that coaching's a secondary concern to one of the best in the business in Canada, and the regular staff is proud to work with him. The student who got the Lushington nomination is The Park in Waterloo.

They'll have nine weeks in Europe, Lushington travelled there and probably more than 100 hours of Centres' skaters are in all of France. His students are not afraid to travel in Europe.

The skaters can be on an average of six hours a day, practice 6-10 hrs. and repeat the dance classes. Friday evenings with party sessions, coordination, weight training and learning to deal with the media

as all parts of the program.

Mr. Peter Jones, a sports psychologist, and Mr. John Kilburn who works with the centre, Kilburn is a former ladies dancer who moved from Ontario over a week ago to cover and measure Lushington's moves. In the David Pearson game Kilburn was a conditioning trainer for the Philadelphia Flyers when the move won the SCAs in 1986.

Lushington and Lushington will compete in a double competition at the Cypress Festival from Aug. 22-23 and in Ottawa's White Diamond, from Aug. 25 to Sept. 3. To help them along in the last change, the pair have started learning from home and at the college and YMCA at 12:30 p.m. at Rock in The Park.



Top: Lynden Johnston trains with his new partner, Cindy Lushington. The two skaters are gearing up for a competition in Europe at the end of the month.

Right: Kenny Lushington practices outside the recreation centre.

Far right: The pair team of Christine Haugh and Doug Lushington, who trained the summer of the re-opening series, are now in training in California.



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